

# Forrest's Escort

The Official Newsletter of the Tennessee Division  
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Fall/September 2012



## TENNESSEE DIVISION KEEPING THE STEPHEN D. LEE CHARGE AND HONORING OUR ANCESTORS DURING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL.



Above: Overlooking Fort Donelson during the TN Division Reunion in Dover



Above: The 100 year re-dedication of the Confederate monument on the square in Lebanon.



Above: Adjutant Martin Frost, Gene Andrews and Cmdr Mike Beck on the porch of the Nathan Bedford Forrest Boyhood home at the conclusion of the festivities enjoying a Mint Julep in the "Toast in Honor" to our beloved General and the Confederate Soldiers.



Above: The Grand Ball during the SCV National Reunion in Murfreesboro. With a gorgeous 20' x 30' Battle Flag flying during the entire four days.



# Tennessee Division Reunion 2013

April 26-27, 2013

Hosted by Camp N. B. Forrest #3  
Chattanooga, Tennessee



The beautiful Colonnade Catoosa County Civic Center has been selected for our 2013 Reunion. Located in North Georgia, just south of Chattanooga, the site was selected for its proximity to the Chickamauga National Battlefield.

## ***LONGSTREET'S CHARGE***

As the Sesquicentennial of the War Between the States comes to East Tennessee, it is appropriate to commemorate The Army of Tennessee's greatest victory, Chickamauga. As the architect of that victory, we are honored to recognize Lt. Gen. James Longstreet's exploits at Chickamauga as our Reunion theme.

## ***BATTLEFIELD TOUR***

A guided tour of the battlefield will be offered for all attendees and their guests. The theme will be Lt. Gen. James Longstreet's Corps and their role in the victory at Chickamauga.

## ***GUEST TOUR***

Bring your spouses and children. Chattanooga is a vacation paradise with entertainment for all ages. The downtown Riverfront with two aquariums, theaters, restaurants, Discovery Center and Riverwalk offers all day entertainment. A tour will be offered for guests while Reunion business is in progress.

## ***REUNION PROGRAM***

Speakers, entertainment, agenda, dining, pricing and event website will be announced shortly. This preliminary announcement is provided so plans can be made and accommodations secured.

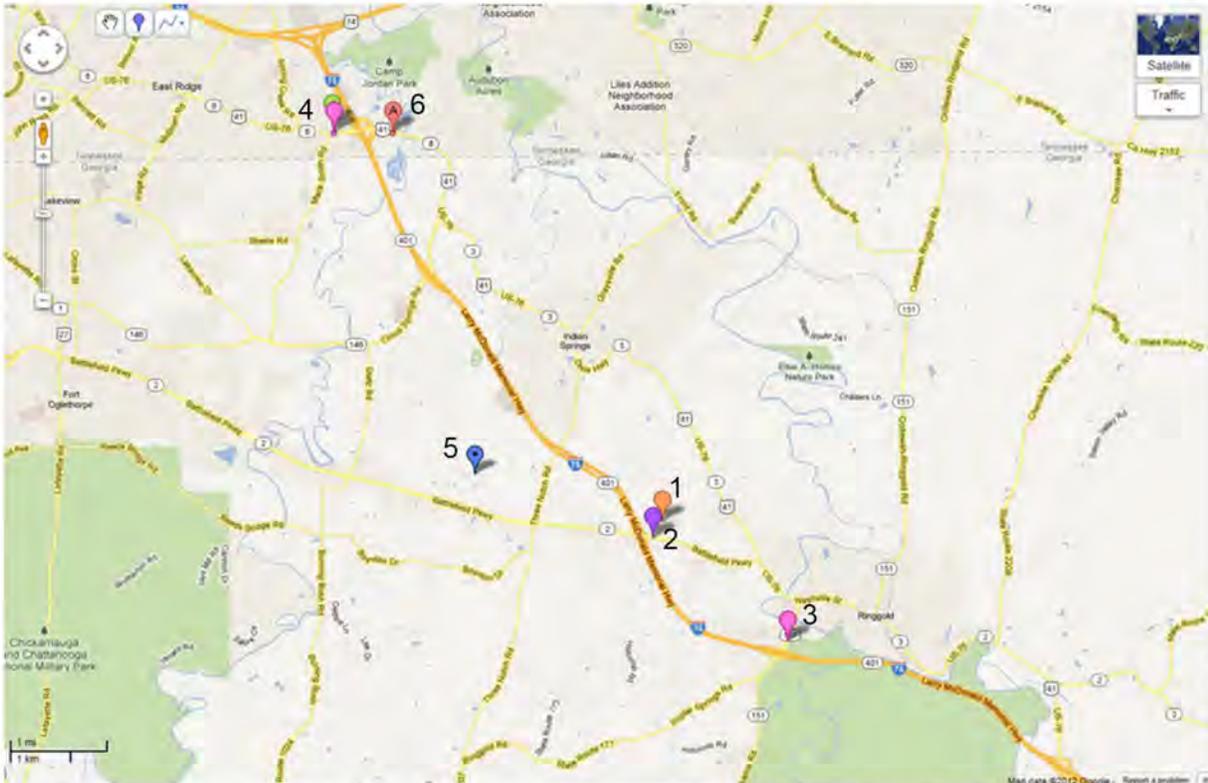
## ***ACCOMODATIONS***

If you are planning to attend, please make your reservations ***as soon as possible***. There are no hotels or motels at the Colonnade. The nearest motel is **Hampton Inn** located at 6875 Battlefield Pkw, Ringgold, GA, phone # 706-935-4800. The current rate for Colonnade attendees is \$89 per day. To get this rate you must specify that it is for a Colonnade event. Any questions regarding rates or accommodations can be directed to Annie Purdin ([annie.purdin@hilton.com](mailto:annie.purdin@hilton.com)). The motel website is [www.ringgoldftoglethorpe.hamptoninn.com](http://www.ringgoldftoglethorpe.hamptoninn.com).

*Preliminary inquiries, event suggestions or questions can be directed to Bob Epperson, Event Chairman, at [bob@bobepperson.com](mailto:bob@bobepperson.com). Please visit our website at [www.scv-nbforrest3.com](http://www.scv-nbforrest3.com).*

# Tennessee Division Reunion 2013

## ACCOMMODATIONS



This Google map is displayed on our N. B. Forrest website and is interactive by mouse click at <http://www.scv-nbforrest3.com/Accommodations.htm>. This web page also contains hot links to all motels listed below.

<p style="text-align: center;">1 - Hometown Inn 22 Gateway Business Park Drive Ringgold, GA 30736 706-937-7020</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2 - Hampton Inn 6875 Battlefield Parkway I-75 Exit 350 Ringgold, GA 30736 706-935-4800 <a href="http://www.ringgoldftoglethorpe.hamptoninn.com">www.ringgoldftoglethorpe.hamptoninn.com</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3 - Super 8 Ringgold 5400 Alabama Hwy I-75 Exit 348 Ringgold, GA 30736 706-965-7130</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">4 - Marriott Fairfield Inn and Suites 1453 Mack Smith Rd East Ridge, TN 37412 423-499-4080</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5 - Colonnade Catoosa County Civic Center 264 Catoosa Circle Ringgold, GA 30736 706-935-9000</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6 - Best Western Plus Inn 6710 Ringgold Rd Chattanooga, TN 37412 423-893-7979 <b>(Formerly The Comfort Inn)</b></p>

If you are planning to attend the Reunion, please make your reservations as soon as possible. There are no hotels or motels at the Colonnade Catoosa County Civic Center. The official motel for the reunion is the Hampton Inn located at 6875 Battlefield Parkway, Ringgold, Georgia. The current rate for Colonnade attendees is \$89 per day. To get this rate you must specify that it is for the Colonnade event. Any questions regarding rates or accommodations can be directed to Annie Purdin ([annie.purdin@hilton.com](mailto:annie.purdin@hilton.com)) at the Hampton Inn.

# *Urgent Notice*

## **2012 IRS Annual Electronic Notice Filing Requirement- must be filed every year**

SCV camps with gross receipts less than \$50,000 a year are **not** required to file an IRS Form 990 tax return; **HOWEVER**, beginning August 1, 2012, the day after the previous fiscal year ends, all camps are required to submit an annual electronic notice by **December 15, 2012**. Your cooperation is requested as it is imperative that every camp complete this simple task. Shown below are some simple instructions to assist you in completing the IRS E Notice requirement:

1. Obtain your camp's tax ID number and copy it into your computer memory or have it written down and readily available. GHQ can provide this number to the camp if needed.
2. Go to this site and follow the instructions: <http://epostcard.form990.org/>

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Extremely urgent information to regain your tax exempt status on the next page.

## Procedures for Regaining Tax-Exempt Status

Three years ago the IRS began requiring small non-profit organizations, and the local branches of larger non-profit organizations, to file an electronic tax return:

<http://epostcard.form990.org>

The IRS rule established regarding these filings, which we publicized by General Headquarters in the Confederate Veteran magazine, on the SCV Telegraph and on the front page of scv.org , providing instructions on how to file the E postcard, emphasized that these annual filings were mandatory and could only be accomplished online.

In subsequent years the information regarding the filing was updated by an IRS pronouncement that any organization or local branch, under the Group Exemption Number of a national non-profit, that did not file at least once in the last three years would have its non-profit status revoked.

Now that the three years time frame has passed since the e-filing for Form 990 was enacted, camps that have not filed the required form are receiving letters from the IRS stating that the tax exempt status has been revoked.

SCV camps who receive this letter which would like to reinstate their tax exempt status will need to complete IRS Form 1023, which is essentially an application for recognition of Exemption under Section 501©(3). You may access this form at:

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f1023.pdf>

This is a long form that requires patience to go through to complete the numerous entries required.

The form states that a \$400 application fee is required; however, SCV Headquarters has been informed that this fee will be \$100 for entities with less than \$25,000 in annual revenue.

The only way for a camp which has been notified by the IRS that it has lost its tax exempt status to regain its tax exempt status is to file Form 1023. We regret that there is no way for General Headquarters to assist in this matter.

Chuck Rand

Adjutant in Chief

## Commanders Column

It has been a busy summer for the Tennessee Division members. **Thank you** for making our events a great success. Looking ahead to 2013, the 150<sup>th</sup> calendar of events will be a busy time and will bring us commemoration all across the state as we continue to develop and work with state and local officials. Remember men, this is our time – seize the moment whether it is local or state programs you are a part of. **Remember the charge!**

A huge **Thanks** also goes to Murfreesboro Camp #33 and the many others for their hard work in hosting a very memorable National SCV Reunion. This reunion was one that will be remembered for many years to come.

It is now time to retire the Tennessee Division Echo on September 30, 2012 as we will now communicate by way of the Tennessee Division website. Every member wishing to use this new version must register. Go to [www.tennessee-scv.org](http://www.tennessee-scv.org), click on the *Member Area* and register with your information. After registration, you can choose which topic you would like to join in. With this new technology, we can be more accessible to our membership with breaking news, calendar of events, and downloads of all types of information and documents. So I request all members register to keep up with events, topics and information all across the state.



We are in preparation to release our 3<sup>rd</sup> in the series of our historical comic book with ***Forrest at Parkers Crossroads***. This will debut at our Forrest Seminar October 19 & 20, 2012 at Parkers Crossroads Battlefield. Please register and come on down (registration form is in this issue). If you would like to pre-order your comic books now, please contact Jason Boshers so we can work out the details. The first issue is sold out. We do have copies of the second issue still remaining so get yours now.

The Tennessee Division motorcycle tag will be available later this year. Please do not contact your local county clerk's office, I will let the members know the date these tags will be available through our Division's new communication site. This project has been a dream for many members for some time now and will soon be a reality for all Tennessee residents to purchase. This tag along with our auto tag will make possible the Tennessee Division to help preserve **more** Confederate items at the Tennessee State Museum with a portion of these sales going to this project and other projects across the state.

***“Get a Tag – Save a Flag”***

I encourage each member to help our Tennessee Division and SCV to grow, educate and preserve our heritage. We all have a talent if focused in the right direction as group can achieve many things – so get active!

**Mike Beck**

Tennessee Division SCV Commander

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423-312-1874 Cell

## *Calendar of Events*

- October 19th and 20th: Forrest Seminar at Parkers Crossroads. See flyer on page 6.  
October 27th: Heritage Day, St Paul Church, Charlotte, TN. Hosted by W. H. McCauley Camp #260. See flyer on page 13.  
October 27th: Turkey Shoot, Murfreesboro Camp # 33. See flyer in newsletter.  
November 17th: Victorian Christmas Ball, St. Paul Church, Charlotte, TN. Hosted by the W. H. McCauley camp #260. See flyer on page 17.  
December 1st: Turkey Shoot, Murfreesboro Camp # 33. See flyer in newsletter.

## 2013

- January TBD: Brigade Commanders and Officers Training Session  
April 26th and 27th: Tennessee Division Reunion in Chattanooga. Hosted by N. B. Forrest Camp #3  
June 15th: Nathan Bedford Forrest Boyhood Home Celebration.  
July 17th thru 20th: SCV Nation Reunion in Vicksburg, Miss.  
<http://2013scvreunion.homestead.com/>  
TBD : Sesquicentennial event in Chattanooga. More details coming in upcoming issues.
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## *A Special Message*

Dear Fellow Tennessee Confederates:

The Forrest Boyhood Home Committee would like to take the opportunity to thank the members of the Tennessee Division for your generous support of the Forrest Home through your financial donations on your annual dues additional gifts designation. With your help we are now going to be able to start on the restoration of the interior of the home. And of course, with your help in years past, we have finished weatherproofing the exterior of the buildings and giving every building an 1800's look.

We received numerous compliments on the home and grounds from the tours of the home during the Murfreesboro SCV National Reunion. Be proud of what you have done at the General's home because about 90 percent of the labor on the home was done by Tennessee SCV compatriots. Even the skilled wood working restoration of the home and barn, paid for by your dues and donations, has been done by an SCV member, Mr. Elton Wentzel of Chapel Hill, Tennessee.

So thank you again for your time, labor and financial donations. As Mt. Juliet's most famous resident, Charlie Daniels, often proclaims, "Ain't it good to be alive and be in Tennessee!"

Gene Andrews  
Forrest Boyhood Home Committee

# *The Nathan Bedford Forrest Boyhood Home Homecoming and Southern Heritage Festival*



*Always the third Saturday in June  
From 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.*

*Historical demonstrations of artillery, cavalry and infantry tactics.*

*Historical Lectures*

*Confederate Silent Auctions*

*Southern Sutlers*

*Women of the Confederacy*

*Musical Entertainment*

*Children's' Games*

*Food and Drinks*

*A fundraiser for the Nathan Bedford Forrest Home*

*Sponsored by the Sons of Confederate Veterans*

*For more information phone 1-800-MYSOUTH or*

*visit [www.elmspringscva.com](http://www.elmspringscva.com)*

**“CHARGE ‘EM BOTH WAYS”**  
*2012 Tennessee Division Sons of Confederate Veterans*  
*6th Annual*  
*Forrest Seminar*  
*October 19th and 20th*  
*at*  
*Historic Parkers Crossroads Battlefield Park*



Parkers Crossroads Battlefield Park is located at I-40 Exit 108

*Friday October 19th*  
*6:00 PM until 8:00 PM*  
*Meet and Greet Social at the Parkers Crossroads Visitors Center and a*  
*presentation by Steve McDaniel*

*Saturday October 20th*  
*at the Parkers Crossroads City Park*  
*9:00 AM until 11:00 AM*  
*speakers David Fraley and Dr. Michael R. Bradley*  
*After lunch a tour of the Parkers Crossroads Battlefield Park by Steve McDaniel*

Entry fee includes lunch. Ages 12 and under - FREE. Ages 13 through 17 - \$20. Everyone else - \$45  
 Lodging at: America's Best Value Inn. Phone # 731-968-2532, 21045 Hwy. 22 North, Wildersville, TN.  
 Rooms are \$59.99 plus tax for one kingsize bed. For double bed rooms, \$69.99 plus tax. Mention the name  
 Jerry Raymer when calling for reservations to get these rates.

To register: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name(s) of Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: TN Division SCV  
 and mail to: Tennessee Division ATTN: Forrest Seminar PO Box 782 Lebanon, TN 37088

# THE TENNESSEE DIVISION REUNION

## DOVER, TENNESSEE

### APRIL 20TH THRU 22ND

The historical significance of Fort Donelson is paramount in the minds of those of us whose ancestors came from Tennessee. Those Confederate soldiers, who left their warm homes and were within the walls and around the fort during the cold month of February, it was only the beginning of their journey. A precious few joined the ranks of a Colonel and escaped through the cold and the mud. A greater number got to spend some time in the custody of Uncle Sam in even colder and less forgiving conditions in a Yankee prison. Most of these men could trace their descendants to those who returned in April of 2012 to honor their courage. It was with my ancestor in mind that I went to Fort Donelson in April.

The men of the Fort Donelson Brigade, Fort Donelson Camp # 249 and Fort Donelson Brigade Commander Steve Settle had secured a great place for us to gather. The Stewart County Visitors Center had all the facilities to host the event. The Fort Donelson National Battlefield was surrounding the Visitors Center and bordered the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area. The ladies made the event even better with absolutely wonderful food. We were very well fed and a special thanks to the ladies for making that happen.

Tours were arranged to take reunion goers to The Fort Donelson National Battlefield, Fort Henry, Fort Heiman, Forrest at Fort Donelson and the 1863 Battle of Dover. We went on the Fort Henry and Fort Heiman tour and we were very impressed. Our tour guide was “top shelf” and gave us information we could get little to no place else. I spoke with those who went on the other tours and they were equally impressed.



Dr Michael R. Bradley reciting “I Am Their Flag” while the Colors are being posted.

The business session was very informative with much business being handled. The four amendments were brought fourth with three passing. The Duties of Brigade Commanders and the Number of Notification Days were discussed before being passed. The change to the “Resolution to Adopt a Standard Policy to Support the Tennessee State Museum in Their Efforts to Conserve a Collection of Confederate Flags” to include “Confederate Artifacts” passed unanimously. A description of the changes were brought forth because of some artifacts we discovered the Tennessee State Museum had and needed preserving. Among these artifacts are General Patrick Cleburne’s kepi. We, the Tennessee Division Sons of Confederate Veterans, have become the primary source to restore and protect these priceless Confederate artifacts.

The speaker for the Awards Dinner on Saturday night was Colonel Tom McKenney (Ret.). Colonel McKenney is the author of the book “Jack Hinson’s One Man War” and deals specifically with Jack Hinson’s work in dealing with the Yankees, in and around the Fort Donelson and Dover area, after they beheaded his sons and placed their heads on fence posts. After realizing most of his audience had heard the story of Jack Hinson, Colonel McKenney spoke on other war atrocities.



Colonel Tom McKenney (ret.) speaking on “War Atrocities”

TN Division reunion continued .....

..... continued Tennessee Division Reunion in Dover

After the speaker the Tennessee Division Awards were handed out and the award winners were:

George Ellsworth Award for Best Camp Homepage Website/Webmaster  
Jay Schroeder with the B. F. Cheatham Camp # 72 Manchester

Dr. Rosalie Carter Award for the Best Camp Scrap Book  
N. B. Forrest Camp #215 Memphis

Jefferson Davis Award for the members who rendered outstanding service to the organization  
Sid Johnston with the William B. Bate Camp #34 Gallatin  
Dave Faulkner with the Gen. Otho French Strahl Camp #176 Union City  
Ronnie Townes

R.E. Lee Award presented to individuals outside the SCV who have rendered valuable service or support to any camp, the SCV or our Confederate Heritage  
TN Senator Jim Tracey  
TN Senator Mae Beavers  
John Pepper for his Save Our Flag work

Edward Ward Carmack Award presented to an individual or organization for the best media coverage  
David Critchlow "The Messenger" Editor

Tod Carter Award (50 members or more) presented to the editor of the best Camp Newsletter  
Jay Schroeder B. F. Cheatham Camp # 72 Manchester for "The Cheatham News"

Tod Carter Award (less than 50 members) presented to the editor of the best Camp Newsletter  
Dr. Jack Butterworth James Keeling Camp # 52 Bristol for  
"The James Keeling Camp #52 News"

Sam Davis Award presented to the "Camp of the Year"  
Murfreesboro Camp # 33

Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest Award to the "Man of the Year"  
James Patterson Murfreesboro Camp # 33



Camp of the Year :  
Murfreesboro Camp #33 members at Reunion



Nathan Bedford Forrest "Man of the Year"  
James Patterson Camp # 33 Murfreesboro

# Pictures from the TN Division Reunion in Dover



Left:  
Compatriots  
taking the tour  
to the grave of  
Capt. Hinson.



Right:  
Grave of Capt.  
Hinson



Confederate Earthworks at Fort Donelson



Dover Hotel. Only part of it is open.



Confederate graves on the Land Between the Lakes Area. During the Fort Heiman/Fort Henry tour; these graves were about a quarter of a mile up the trail.



Compatriot Ross Massey standing in the earthworks during the Fort Heiman/Fort Henry tour.

# Saving Tennessee Battle flags!

It is with extreme pleasure & pride that I inform our fellow compatriots of the success the Roderick, Forrest's War Horse camp 2072 has enjoyed in raising funds to conserve our honorable flags!

In 2010 we completed the monumental task of raising \$48,000 to save the huge beautiful silk First national flag of the heroic 20<sup>th</sup> Tenn. Infantry. (Took us 5 years but I think we may have the hang of it now.) This flag has just been returned to the State Museum from the conservators. When I saw it for the first time a few weeks ago it was a very emotional moment for me. This was the actual flag that 4 of my ancestors marched, suffered, bled, & died under!!!! This was simply awesome!!!! And to top that off the lady in charge of our sacred banners at the museum, Ms. Candace Adelson, was speaking at the SCV national reunion in Murfreesboro when she called our camp to the podium for recognition. She then surprised me with the debris, lint, & 1960s era stitches that were removed from the flag. Or as I like to call it, my \$48,000 lint ball!!!!!!

A real son once told me that I'll never have the opportunity to meet a real Rebel but I could embrace an item that was near & dear to the old soldier's hearts. Their flags. My camp & I intend to do just that & I hope y'all will join us in this worthy task. Your camp should consider adopting one of the 26 Tenn. battle flags that need help. At least two camps have done so but we need many more. Most flags average around \$24,000 to save for future generations.

In 2011 our camp adopted the 1<sup>st</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Tenn. Cavalry's bullet riddled Dalton issue Southern Cross battle flag that required \$22,000 to conserve. After holding our annual Confederate Flag benefit in August at my home place in Peytonsville, Tennessee we cleared enough funds to pack this flag up to send to the conservation team! Yee haaaa!!!!



Picture of the 24th TN Infantry flag before conservation.

We have now adopted the 24<sup>th</sup> Tenn. Infantry's mistreated First National flag & need to raise \$24,000 to conserve it. (Sadly this noble flag made by the ladies of Nashville was not only conserved improperly in the 1960's but it was mounted backwards. Worse, before it was donated to the State in the early 1900s someone cut the artwork from the canton!!!)

We'd like to invite our members to consider making a tax deductible donation in your ancestor's honor to help us out. The benefit is a fun filled event for sure with all sorts of music, food, a cannon, silent auction, vendors, re-enactors, lots of Southerners, and a few Yanks too. Plan to attend in 2013 to see our successful event that raises a lot of much needed funds for the State Museum. There are not any large foundation or cooperation

donations going to be offered to save Confederate flags!!!! No sir! This monumental task is only going to be done when we proud Southerners step up to the plate & just do it. We raised most of our funds \$20 at a time folks. It can be done if you are vigilant & creative.

We have many people to thank for our success. First thanks go to the people who help us put on the Confederate Flag Benefit. (Too many to list here, sorry.) Second goes to all the people who

.....Saving Tennessee Battle Flag continued

show up to support us every year. Next I have to thank the Tenn. Division for the SCV tag money grant each year along with the Society of the Order of Southern Cross for their generous donations to complete both of the flags we have adopted. Also like to thanks the bands who are part of the show every year along with my place of employment, S & G Custom Cycles, since the daunting task of organizing the benefit every year finds me doing a lot of work while I am at work. A special thanks goes to owner/compatriot Sam Goodman!!!!



Picture of a reproduction of the 24th TN Infantry flag of what it might look like new.

Our next fundraiser will be on Aug 11 before this paper is delivered to Tennesseans far & wide. So please consider a donation to help us achieve our lofty goal again. If we raise the necessary funds to conserve the 24<sup>th</sup> flag in Aug. your donation will simply be applied to the next flag we will adopt, And we hope to adopt another flag along with making a donation to conserve Gen. Patrick R Cleburne's kepi!!! Help us out people! If we Sons of Confederate Veterans do not do this who will???

Donations & inquiries may be mailed to Roderick 2072, 1114 Galloway street, Columbia, TN. 38401. Look for us on Facebook and check out [www.saveourflags.org](http://www.saveourflags.org) to help us. Or contact Ronny Mangrum at [celticgranda2@yahoo.com](mailto:celticgranda2@yahoo.com) or 931-374-8368.

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# Extremely urgent information to regain your tax exempt status on the Pages 4 & 5.

**TENNESSEE RESIDENTS**

**GET A TAG  
SAVE A FLAG**

**HELP PRESERVE TENNESSEE'S  
HISTORIC FLAGS**



**GET YOUR TAG  
AT YOUR LOCAL  
COUNTY CLERK'S  
OFFICE**

**NO  
MEMBERSHIP  
REQUIRED**

Save Our Flags is a project of the Tennessee Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, a genealogical organization of the descendants of Confederate Soldiers.

Through our specialty license plates, the Tennessee Division has donated thousands of dollars toward the conservation and preservation of historic flags.

Learn more about the men, the flag, and the heritage. We hope we can count on your donation.

Find out more at:

[www.saveourflags.org](http://www.saveourflags.org)  
[www.tennessee-scv.org](http://www.tennessee-scv.org)

## MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATE IS ON THE WAY

Our of the sources of funding for Confederate Flag preservation is the Get-A-Tag-Save-A-Flag program. Recently, the program got a big boost with the announcement of a SCV Motorcycle License Plate. The new plates will be available soon so please watch the Tennessee Division website for an announcement. Commander Mike Beck's article in the Commanders Column talks about the tags.

A Special "Thank You" goes to the people in Tennessee Government and the Tennessee Division who worked on this project.

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## Is it a Comic Book or a Graphic Novel?

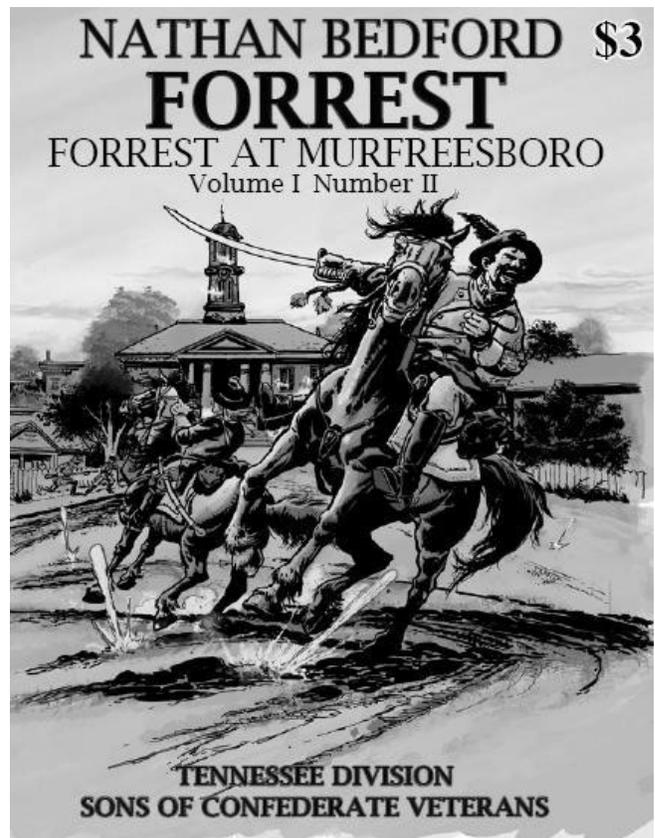
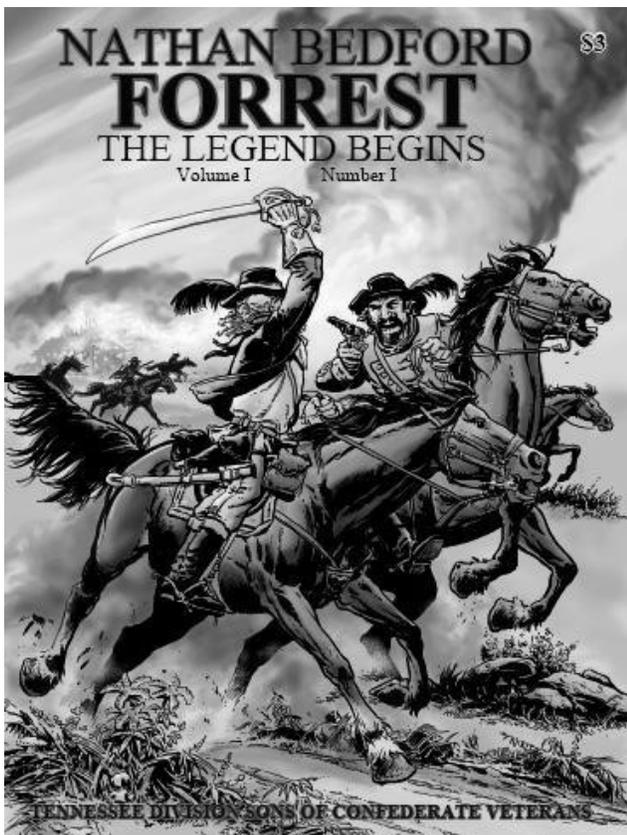
The Tennessee Division Sons of Confederate Veterans has published two historically accurate comic books. The idea was to educate as many people as possible on what really happened. The side effect was to provide camp members, brigades and camps, in good standing with the Tennessee Division, a way to educate the public and raise funds at the same time.

The “comic books”, for lack of a better term, will be for sale to camp members, camps and brigades for \$1 (yes, one dollar) and have a price on them of \$3 (three dollars). If a camp wanted to raise funds for a project; they could buy the books and sell them to raise the necessary funds or give them away to school kids, civic groups, libraries, etc.... The possibilities are limitless.

The first two are already completed. The first was “Forrest at Fort Donelson The Legend Begins” which is about the Battle of Fort Donelson and then Colonel Nathan Bedford Forrest heroics and escape. The second is “Forrest at Murfreesboro” which tells about Colonel Nathan Bedford Forrest raid on the Murfreesboro Courthouse where he freed civilians taken hostage and soon to be hung by Union General Thomas Crittenden.

A third one is in the works and will make its appearance at the Forrest Seminar at Parkers Crossroads and it is being called “Forrest at Parkers Crossroads” and deals with General Nathan Bedford Forrest heroics at Parkers Crossroads. At this location, when he realized he was surrounded, he gave one of his most famous commands “Attack them both ways!”.

The first one is SOLD OUT. The second one, which made its debut at the SCV National Reunion in Murfreesboro is still in print and is readily available. We are taking advance orders on “Forrest at Parkers Crossroads”.



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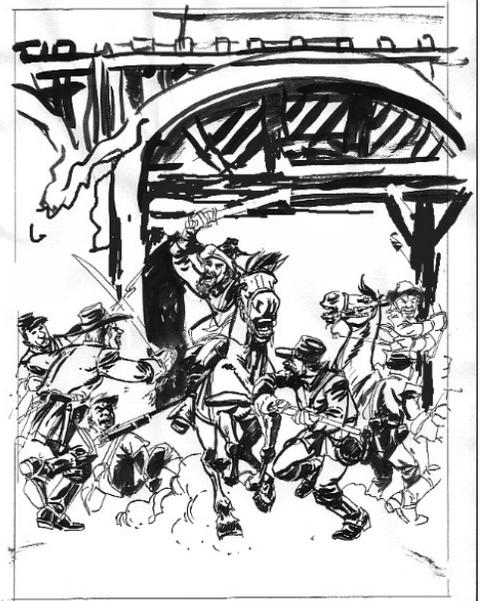
...Comic Book continued

The picture on the right is a very rough and early draft for the cover of the upcoming and third historical comic book "Forrest at Parkers Crossroads". The pages are roughed in also and the book is on schedule to make its debut.

Please see your Camp Commander or Camp Adjutant for copies and information. Camp Commanders, Camp Adjutants and Brigade Commanders who need copies; contact Jason Boshers at [jasonboshers@charter.net](mailto:jasonboshers@charter.net).

After reading the three issues; go to the Tennessee Division website bulletin board and give your opinion on what you think they are. Are they Historical Comic Books or Historical Graphic Novels?

Either way they are an accurate and fun read.



**~ SAVE OUR FLAGS ~**

**HELP US PRESERVE  
TENNESSEE'S HISTORIC FLAGS**

**~ CONFEDERATE HISTORY IS AMERICAN HISTORY ~**

**WWW.SAVEOURFLAGS.ORG**

## Save Our Flags Initiative

We continue to move forward with our efforts to conserve the Confederate flags held in the Tennessee State Museum. Our “Save Our Flags” project, though, is in need of your assistance. Primarily, we want to continue promoting our efforts to those outside the SCV, and each of you can help.

As you likely know, our current project is the flag of the 14th Tennessee Infantry, which was captured at Gettysburg. You can read about the flag, the soldiers, and our efforts at the ancillary Tennessee Division website: [www.saveourflags.org](http://www.saveourflags.org) We need your help in passing along this information to others, and here are a few ideas as to how you can help. First, we need all camp webmasters to link to the flags website. Those links rank us higher in web searches and gain us greater exposure to the general public. Second, mention this site to your friends both inside and outside the historical community. If you're on a history site, make a post about what the SCV is doing here. Or if you're on a local media site, discussing a heritage violation, reference folks to the site, showing them the type of thing we do. Send out an email to your friends list, and refer them to the site. And while you're at it, ask them to consider donating ten or twenty dollars. Also, we're closing in on 600 Facebook “Likes”, and that page is translating into further exposure. If you haven't yet, join us on Facebook. And today – right now – go to [www.saveourflags.org](http://www.saveourflags.org) to help us in search rankings.

This project has been a bit of an experiment, and even though our hope was to raise funds in smaller increments, we're actually being carried by larger donations. And while those are much appreciated, it reflects the potential that's out there for the sustaining \$20 contributions that will be our lifeblood into the future. We also have noticed that a mention of our site on a history forum also drives folks to visit the website, and in bigger numbers than selectively placed ads. In plain English, if you ask a friend to take a look, they likely will. And right now the bulk of our contributions is coming from outside Tennessee and the SCV, due purely to your efforts to get the word out.

It's our goal to continue increasing our visibility with the public, because with that comes greater interest in the flags, as well as increased donations. In the upcoming months it's our intention to add educational articles on Confederate flags, as well as videos concerning the different patterns, their usage, and so forth. At some point we would like a web search on “Confederate flag” to list our site in the top five, and with that visibility we will have the opportunity to educate people as to the honor of these banners. And while they're there, we hope they will be inclined to donate a few dollars.

Greater exposure drives interest and donations, so please take the steps mentioned in this article, and please do anything else you can think of that will get us noticed. We are only scratching the surface, and have the potential in the future to make ourselves the “go to” folks for everything regarding Confederate flags and relics in Tennessee. And, as always, keep buying your SCV license plates; the funds they provide to these efforts is extraordinary.

James Turner  
Save Our Flags Initiative  
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## *Pictures from the Forrest Boyhood Home*



This view of the Forrest Boyhood Home shows the just added back porch.

All three pictures this side show Senator Jim Tracy visiting the home during the celebration and receiving an award for his tireless work for the preservation of Confederate Heritage and History.



Compatriot Charles Bowling receiving the certificate for the re-chartering of Wheeler-Long Camp #709.



Campsite on the grounds.



# Pictures from the Forrest Boyhood Home



*Pictures from the Forrest Boyhood Home*





# MURFREESBORO SCV CAMP NO. 33 TURKEY SHOOT!



**Two big days!!  
Saturday, October 27th &  
Saturday, December 1st  
From 8:00 am until 2:00 pm!**

***Turkey, Ham and Bacon rounds!***

**Directions:** From I-24 take Murfreesboro/Shelbyville exit 81, go North on 231 to Rutherford Blvd. Turn right (Beside Wendy's) go to John Bragg Highway (Just past Wal-Mart), turn right, one mile out on the right. Look for the signs and Confederate flag.

For more information, contact Paul Windrow at 615-427-2071

# State of Tennessee



## THE SENATE

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 526

By Senators Ketron, Henry  
and  
Representative Todd

#### A RESOLUTION

to designate July 8-14, 2012, as "Sons of Confederate Veterans Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the War Between the States, fought from 1861 until 1865, is forever woven into the history of the great State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, over 187,000 Tennesseans served in the Confederate Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,900 battles were fought on Tennessee's soil with 64,333 Confederates from across the South dying while fighting in those battles; and

WHEREAS, those gallant Confederate soldiers came home to rebuild the great State of Tennessee and, as veterans of the Confederate military, many joined the United Confederate Veterans and, in 1896, formed the Sons of Confederate Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Confederate Veterans International Headquarters, Elm Springs, is located in Columbia, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the United Confederate Veterans held their first National Reunion at Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1890 and held joint National Reunions with the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Nashville, 1897; Memphis, 1901; Nashville, 1904; Memphis, 1909; Chattanooga, 1913; Chattanooga, 1921; Memphis, 1924; Chattanooga, 1934; Chattanooga, 1942; Chattanooga, 1947; and the Sons of Confederate Veterans held National Reunions in Memphis, 1959; Nashville, 1968; Memphis, 1976; Nashville, 1986; Chattanooga, 1995; Nashville, 1997; Memphis, 2002; and Nashville, 2005; and

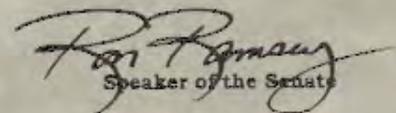
WHEREAS, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, has been designated as the 2012 reunion site during the week of July 8-14, 2012; and

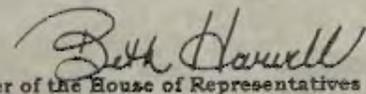
WHEREAS, during the Sesquicentennial of the War Between the States, we will remember the courage and sacrifices of these soldiers and celebrate the Battle of Stones River that occurred in 1862; now, therefore,

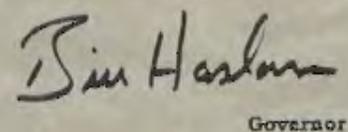
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby join with citizens from across this State in recognizing July 8-14, 2012, as "Sons of Confederate Veterans Week" in Tennessee and call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

Adopted: April 27, 2012

  
Senator Bill Ketron

  
Speaker of the Senate

  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

  
Governor



# 117<sup>TH</sup> SCV NATIONAL REUNION

The 117<sup>th</sup> Sons of Confederate Veterans National Reunion was held in Murfreesboro Tennessee July 11-14. Murfreesboro SCV Camp # 33 was the host Camp, this Reunion was the Grand finally of over 5 years of planning. The Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center was the host hotel, it sits on part of the land where the Battle of Murfreesboro was fought. Each day a First National Confederate flag was raised on the Embassy Suites flagpole. On Wednesday, the early arrivers were able to go on a tour of the Sam Davis home in Smyrna. Before departing back to the hotel, a memorial service was held at the grave of Sam Davis. The Coleman Scouts and Elizabeth Corker performed story and song. That evening at the Embassy Suites, Colonel Tom McKenny gave his program on Jack Hinson, and then the Band of Rabble put on an excellent performance of Southern songs.

Thursday morning was the opening ceremony. The backdrop for the stage was a 20' x 30' Confederate Battle flag. Reunion Chairman James G. Patterson welcomed all of the guests to Murfreesboro; National



SCV Chaplain Mark Evans gave the opening prayer. Past SCV Tennessee Division Commander Dr. Michael Bradley recited "I am their flag" as Camp # 33 member James Forbes marched in with a 5' x 8' Confederate flag. As Compatriot Forbes slowly marched to the front, the members in each isle rose in what looked like a wave.

After Dr. Bradley finished, the color guard commanded by Colonel Ted Stovall came in, led by Camp # 33 Color Sargent Kurt Huskey. In the procession was the American flag, carried by Jim Speakman; the Tennessee state flag, carried by Caleb Stevens; the Confederate Battle flag, carried by Tony Beatey; the First National Confederate flag, carried by Joshua Stephens; the



Second National Confederate flag, carried by Jason Boshers; the Third National Confederate flag, carried by Rusty Wolsleger and the SCV Commander in Chiefs flag, carried by Peyton

Hall. Corporal John Burgher was the honor guard following with a musket, bayonet fixed. Compatriots sang "Dixie" after the Color Guard made their exit. Several local dignitaries gave greetings to the Convention, Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce Vice President Mona Herring, Rutherford County Mayor Ernest Burgess, Camp # 33 member and Eagleville Mayor Sam Tune, Tennessee Senator Jim Tracy presented a resolution making July 8-15, 2012 Sons of Confederate Veterans week in Tennessee. SCV Tennessee Division Commander Mike Beck and UDC Tennessee Division President Barbara Parsons gave greetings to the Convention. Tennessee State Senator Douglas Henry gave a speech on Confederate History. At the end of the ceremony, the Reunion was turned over to SCV Commander in Chief Michael Givens.

On Thursday morning a ladies tour took a trip through historic Wartrace to the Blockade Runner Sutler and then to Bell Buckle



for antique shopping. The Heritage luncheon had Thomas Cartwright as the guest speaker. An afternoon tour had four buses that went to the Forrest Boyhood home, where Gene Andrews let everyone see what is being done to preserve this SCV property. The ladies of the OCR served refreshments. Then it was on to Elm Springs in Columbia to visit the SCV National Headquarters. The final stop of the tour was



Eagleville for the dedication of the new Confederate Monument at the Eagleville City Hall. Camp # 33 member and Eagleville Mayor Sam Tune welcomed the crowd and gave a fiery Pro Confederate speech. Thursday Evening a program on Confederate flags was given by Gregg Biggs. Afterwards a concert of Southern songs by Ross Moore finished the evening.

On Friday morning, July 13<sup>th</sup>, the Forrest Cavalry breakfast was held, this date was the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Forrest's Murfreesboro Raid. Business session number two was held followed by the Awards luncheon. The Coleman scouts performed during the luncheon as the guests were served. That afternoon the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Forrest's Raid on Murfreesboro tour was held. The first stop was the Rutherford County courthouse



where the National memorial service was held. The courthouse was an integral part of Forrest's raid. Then the next stop was the Confederate Circle in Evergreen Cemetery, where over 2,000 Confederate dead are buried. A bagpiper played during the memorial, Camp # 33 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander Brian Corley gave the program and three volleys were fired. From the Confederate Circle it was on to

Oakland's mansion for a tour and BBQ supper. Oakland's was the site of the surrender of Murfreesboro after Forrest's Raid.

Friday evening at the Embassy, a concert by Olde South was held followed by the National Oratory contest. Camp # 33 member James Forbes placed second in what was his second Oratory contest.



Saturday started with the Army meetings, followed by the final business session. Officer elections were held as well as a vote on the location for the 2016 Reunion. A Battle of Murfreesboro tour was held that afternoon with Ross Massey, Steve Primm and Mark Truett as tour guides. That evening the Grand Banquet and Ball was held with the 52<sup>nd</sup> Tennessee band performing. Seven Debutantes were presented with two from Tennessee. Miss Harley Matthews was presented by her father, Camp # 33 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander Brian Corley. Miss Melissa Murphree was presented by her father Camp # 33 Chaplain Dr. Steven Murphree. An elegant evening of dancing and Confederate celebration finished out the Reunion.

There were 571 members registered from 27 different states. This Reunion was according to many in attendance, the best in many years. That was due to all of the help from the Reunion Staff and there were many. Special Thanks goes to UDC President Barbara Parsons and Matilda Speck for their help with registration. Also, our Ladies, Debra Beatey, Linda Boshers, Kathy Corley, Judi Forbes, Amanda Forbes, Eve Holder, Melanie Patterson, Callie Talbert and Linda Wilson helped with the tours, registration and vendor sales. The beautiful Reunion medal was designed by SCV member H. David Wright; Forrest Escort Editor Jason Boshers was the editor of the Reunion program which was full of historic articles. Thanks to everyone that attended and helped with this historic event.

Respectfully submitted by  
James Patterson  
117th National Reunion Chairman



2012 SCV Reunion shirt & pocket logo



Forrest's Murfreesboro Raid Sesquicentennial shirt & pocket logo



2012 SCV Reunion & Forrest Murfreesboro Raid Sesquicentennial medal set.

If you were not able to attend the 117th SCV Reunion in Murfreesboro, you can still purchase items from this historic event! In the upper left is the Official Reunion shirt, it is light gray with the Reunion information on the back and SCV Murfreesboro 2012 logo on the front. In the upper right is the Forrest's Murfreesboro Raid Sesquicentennial shirt, it is tan with a picture of Forrest as Colonel on the back and SCV Sesquicentennial logo on the front. The shirts are \$15 each, plus \$6 shipping, and come in all sizes. To the left is the 3 medal Commemorative set of Reunion medals and lapel Pin. The 3 medals are from a limited edition set, serial numbered 1-150, the lapel pin is not numbered. You can purchase the 3 medal matching numbered set for \$90, plus \$6 shipping, you will be issued the next lowest number available. The Forrest's Raid Sesquicentennial medal is also available individually for \$20 plus \$6 shipping.

If you have questions feel free to call or email: 615-890-6194 or mborosev33@aol.com

**Make you check payable to: 2012 SCV Reunion**

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3 Medal Commemorative sets .....	Qty. _____	x \$ 90 _____
Forrest's Raid Sesquicentennial medal .....	Qty. _____	x \$ 20 _____
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## *Forrest Retakes the Murfreesboro Courthouse*

Submitted by Bryan Corley

It was a very pleasant morning on Saturday, July 14, 2012, when Union General Thomas Crittenden addressed the citizens of Murfreesboro, and told them of the awful fait that awaited. He paraded those that had been sentenced to death in front of the crowd of distraught and outraged ladies, before he had the prisoners marched back into the courthouse. General Crittenden and his Provost Marshall, Captain Oliver C. Rounds were very proud of themselves as they retired to their quarters. Little did the Yankees guarding the public square know that General Nathan Bedford Forrest was about to attack.



Rounds. After being surrendered by Crittenden's land lady; General Crittenden and Captain Rounds were soon paraded through the crowd in disgrace. All the Union prisoners were lined up and marched out of town to the cheers of the crowd. General Forrest was asked to back up his horse by one of the ladies that she might scoop up a spoon of soil from under hoof of the Generals mount.

Later in the day a surrender ceremony was performed with Col. Parkhurst, Col. Duffield, Gen. Forrest and his staff at Oaklands Mansion; the sight of the original surrender. General Forrest and his Confederates were definitely the heroes of the day.



The first shots of the battle was fired by Yankee lookouts in the cupola of the courthouse. Confederate Dismounted Cavalry were the first in the fight, with General Forrest and his escort advancing up East Main Street, bringing the fight to the unsuspecting Yankees. It was a intense and loud battle on the



courthouse lawn and in the streets, with the ladies of the town tending to the Confederate wounded. The Yankees retreated back into the courthouse with Yankee snipers still firing from the roof of

the courthouse and other buildings on the square. Three Confederates lost their lives while trying to reach the courthouse doors with a ax. A small group finally made the courthouse doors. The doors were chopped open and after a small skirmish a fire was set in the lobby.

The prisoners and the Yankees ran out of the courthouse in a cloud of smoke and the Yankees were promptly captured. The ladies pointed out the whereabouts of General Crittenden and Captain

After the reenactment; the reenactors received a bar -b-q lunch at Oaklands Mansion and a beautiful 150th Forrest Raid Commemorative medal.

As the events of the day unfolded, some of the spectators could not believe the Union army could ever had treated anyone as the people of Murfreesboro had been treated. While other spectators that knew the history of the Raid had a great appreciation of the detail and accuracy put into this beautiful reenactment.

I owe many thanks to The Armies Of Tennessee, Whites Battery, The Confederate Belles, The Ladies of Murfreesboro, The Elk River Rifles, The 19th Alabama Civilians, The 7th TN Cavalry, Murfreesboro Camp #33, The TN State Division S.C.V. and all the individuals that participated. A very special thanks to Mike Spears, who without him as Forrest, we could not have pulled this off.

Thanks again to all who participated and helped with great event and God bless.

Brian Corley  
Event Chairman  
Pictures courtesy of Dianna Michelle

# PICTURES FROM THE 117<sup>TH</sup> SCV NATIONAL REUNION



Color Guard in the hall in anticipation of the beginning of the Opening Ceremonies.



Honor Guard standing guard at the artifacts on display from the Tennessee State Museum.



Reunion Decorating Committee



Ladies Working Registration



The 20' by 30' flag flew all four days.



Some of the Ladies who made it happen.

# Century Re-dedication of the Confederate Monument Lebanon TN



Our 100 Year Re-dedication of the Confederate Monument on the Public Square in Lebanon has come, and gone. While we did not achieve our goal of 1012 in attendance in

2012, we did get well over 500 for the occasion.

If you were unable to attend, you missed a special event.

Visitors came to our city, for this occasion, from Georgia, Kentucky, and Arkansas. Within Tennessee, I saw visitors from, as far away as, Morristown, Chattanooga, Shelbyville, Dickson, and Livingston. Many members of the Mechanized Cavalry were also present.

There was period music played over the speakers starting around 8:30.

Five pieces of artillery arrived, and were positioned so fire could be brought on any of the four streets. Thanks to Schoolfield's Battery, Baxter's Battery, Huwald's Battery, and Cobb's Battery. It would have been impressive if we could have fired these guns.

Re-enactors, with rifles, began to arrive, as did the ladies, dressed in beautiful, period correct, dresses. Photo opportunities abounded around the entire Public Square.

The Brass Band of Nashville arrived, set up, and began to play military and period correct music at 9:30.

The sky was overcast all morning, and a gentle breeze kept our fine Southern Battle Flags waving very proudly.

Our program began with the playing of "Dixie," and warm welcomes by County Mayor Randall Hutto, Lebanon Mayor Philip Craighead, and State Representative Mark Pody. Senator Mae Beavers

then presented a Joint Resolution, by the Tennessee State Legislature, which was also signed by Governor Bill Haslam, to the Robert H. Hatton Camp.

Four descendants of General Robert Hatton were introduced to the crowd, and the senior member of the family, great granddaughter Mary Em Towson Hobbs, from Atlanta, Georgia, made a fine talk about the family. The youngest member of the Hatton family is g-g-g-great grandson, Stephen Hatton Carney, who lives here in Tennessee.

Remarks were given by Josephine Hill, Past Tennessee President of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Then Dr. Michael Bradley, Past Commander of the Tennessee Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, knocked a home run, with his keynote speech, and with his recitation of his now famous poem, "I am Their Flag." You could have heard a pin drop.

Wreathes were placed by members of the General Robert Hatton Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and members of the General Robert H. Hatton Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

A new marker was also dedicated for the 100th Anniversary of the original unveiling of the monument in 1912.

A salute of three volleys, was rendered by re-enactors from different units, and led by the 46th Tennessee Infantry.

"Taps" was played by, Sam Ford, the youngest member of the General Robert H. Hatton Camp # 723.

The program was concluded by the playing of "Dixie."

Lebanon was proud! We are proud of our Confederate history and heritage! God's blessings were everywhere, all day.

Martin Frost  
Tenn. Division Adjutant

# *Century Re-dedication of the Confederate Monument Lebanon TN*



Above: TN Senator Mae Beavers and TN Division Commander Mike Beck.

Right: TN Senator Mae Beavers and TN Division Adjutant and Coordinator for the 100 Year Lebanon Monument Dedication Martin Frost.

Senator Beavers represents District 17 which includes Mt. Juliet and Lebanon.



# *Century Re-dedication of the Confederate Monument Lebanon TN*



*Century Re-dedication of the Confederate Monument Lebanon TN*



# **CIVIL WAR HISTORICAL LIVING HISTORY HERITAGE DAY**

**ST. PAUL CHURCH ST. PAUL ROAD  
CHARLOTTE, TENNESSEE  
OCTOBER 27, 2012**



**10 AM**

**Event will include:**

**Civil War Units - Artillery Units**

**Infantry Encampment**

**Civilian Camp Site**

**Children Games**

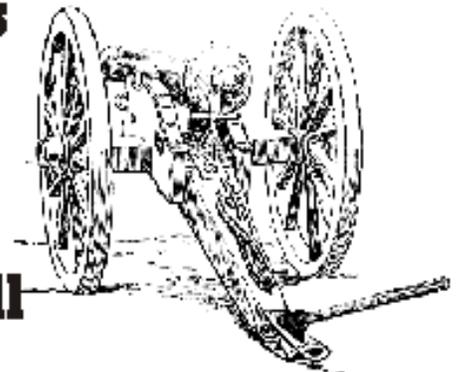
**Historical Displays**

**Lectures**

**Ladies Tea**

**follow by**

**Civil War Grand Ball**



**Bar-B-Que Chickens for Sale**

*Honoring those who served in the conflict  
and educate what life was like in Dickson County during this period*  
**Sponsored by Capt. W.H. McCauley SCV 260 & Sallie Sizemore Ladies Auxiliary**

# THE SAM DAVIS HOME IN SMYRNA

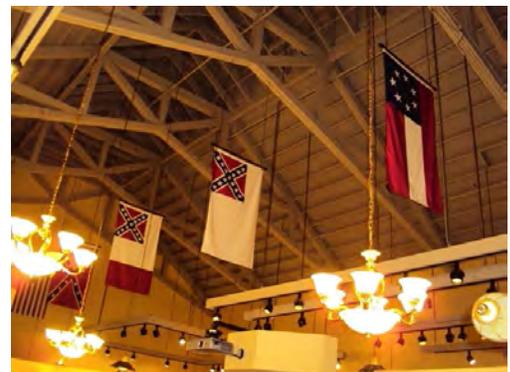
The kickoff event for the 117th SCV Reunion in Murfreesboro was a tour of the Sam Davis home in Smyrna. Two busloads of Compatriots from as far away as Texas, New Mexico, Ohio and Virginia were able to see the house and visit the grave of our Tennessee Hero of the Confederacy Sam Davis. They had heard the story of Sam Davis, but had never been able to see for themselves where Sam had lived and is buried. Sam Davis home Director Anita Teague made sure that everyone felt welcomed. The tour guides were all in period dress and before departing a memorial service was held at the grave of our hero. The Coleman scouts performed a few stirring songs, Elizabeth Corker sang "On Jordan's Stormy bank" and "Dixie".



Most of you know the story of Sam Davis. He was a 21 year old member of Coleman's Scouts, travelling to Chattanooga with information about Union troop movements. After being captured at Minor Hill, outside of Pulaski, Sam was convicted of being a spy and sentenced to be hung. Sam was offered his freedom if he would name the source of his information, which he refused. On the gallows he was given one last chance to save himself. It was then he spoke his immortal words: "Do you suppose that I would betray a friend? No, sir: I would die a thousand times first!" And then, after a prayer with Chaplain Young, he stepped upon the trap, turned and said, "I am ready." This is one of the greatest stories of bravery and dedication to the Southern Cause. The SCV Sam Davis youth Camp is named after our Tennessee Hero.

The home, built around 1810 by Moses Ridley and renovated in 1850 by the Davis family, contains over one hundred original family pieces. The floors, doors, and most of the woodwork are also original to the 1850 house. The home is located on a 160-acre farm where cotton is still grown. The house and grounds were purchased by the state of Tennessee in 1927 and opened for tours in 1930.

The home is open for tours Monday through Saturday from 10am until 4 pm and on Sundays from 1pm until 4pm. Admission is \$8.50 for adults, children under 6 are free. Sam's birthday will be observed with a free admission day on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Plans are underway for a three day commemoration of the execution on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sam's death. It will be held next year on November 22-24, 2013. **From Nashville:** Take Interstate 24 Eastbound until exit **66B** (Sam Ridley Pkwy). Take Sam Ridley Pkwy about 6 miles until the intersection with **Sam Davis Rd.** (there is a CVS Pharmacy on the right). Make a right onto Sam Davis Rd. The Sam Davis Home is about **1/4 of a mile on the Right (Look for the big stone gates).**





With recent budget cuts in Rutherford County and the town of Smyrna, the Sam Davis home has seen a loss of funding. This past year they were forced to close the entire month of January and the outlook for this year will be the same or even worse. The best way that we as SCV members can help out the site of the final resting place of our hero Sam Davis, is to join the Sam Davis memorial association. Membership starts at \$25 per year, other levels are available. You can send payment to: Sam Davis Home, 1399 Sam Davis Road, Smyrna, Tennessee 37167 you can call 615-459-2341 for more information or visit the website: <http://www.samdavishome.org/>

Sam's marker at his grave reads: "He laid down his life for his country" "A truer Soldier, a purer Patriot, a braver man never lived who suffered death on the gibbet rather than betray his friends and country." Let's do what we can to keep the story of Sam Davis alive for future generations.

Respectfully Submitted,  
James Patterson  
Camp #33

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## MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATE IS ON THE WAY

Our of the sources of funding for Confederate Flag preservation is the Get-A-Tag-Save-A-Flag program. Recently, the program got a big boost with the announcement of a SCV Motorcycle License Plate. The new plates will be available soon so please watch the Tennessee Division website for an announcement. Commander Mike Beck's article in the Commanders Column talks about the tags.

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# Remember

ITS DUES TIME IN TENNESSEE and please send in your dues to your camp adjutant.

990 Must be filed out by December 15. You can do so electronically. Please see pages 4 & 5 for details.

The "ECHO" is going away on September 30th.

The flag preservation efforts  
"Get-A-Tag Save-A-Flag"  
"Save Our Flags"  
"The Confederate Flag Benefit"

The Forrest Boyhood Home

The Confederate Museum at Elm Springs

A TENNESSEE FAMILY  
By: Bill Harris, Marshall Rangers Camp 297

Mary Grace Hardison

It was one of those warm October days in Nashville, and three young women were having lunch at a little café on Belmont Boulevard. Two of the young women were of African descent. The shorter one Pamela Jackson was dark, but Mary Grace Hardison the tall athletic woman was very light. She had long curly hair and her eyes were hazel. As a young girl she had wished for strait hair like her white cousins but her Daddy assured her that the boys would love her curly hair. It had a slight red tint that came from her Daddy's reddish blonde hair and sandy beard. The last of the trio was Susan Gillespie a true daughter of Ire. She had bright red hair, freckles and green eyes; and was a willowy little something. Pamela and Susan were employees at Belmont University. Pamela a teaching assistant and Susan an assistant to the student aid director. Mary Grace ran her own landscaping company. Her business was actually involved in the construction of lawns, gardens and greenways with a few mowing crews in the growing season. One of her crews was working close by and she was glad to have a chance to see Pamela and Susan again. They had met one Saturday at a small gallery out on West End and enjoyed the afternoon together.

Pamela and Susan had liberal arts degrees but Mary Grace had taken another route. She had offers of basketball scholarships from several schools, so she chose Auburn for its agriculture program. Her older brother had obtained a degree in veterinary science there. He was still at Auburn when she began which made things a little easier for her. Her brother was now in Afghanistan with the army special forces helping the people with programs to care for their livestock. Better care of their beasts of burden and goats helped the people and made them more willing to cooperate with U.S. forces. He said that he and his team went everywhere on horseback, but being a Tennessee boy he longed for the smooth ride of a gaited horse. Mary Grace had chosen soil and plant studies because she had always liked growing things. Her Grandpa Wilson and her Daddy had taught her to garden. Grandpa Wilson had told her she would never be hungry if she could grow something. She had been in 4-H and FFA and always had dirt on her hands. In the summer when her female cousins and friends would be tanning at some pool and discussing the many social aspects of teenagers she would be in her garden. Quite often she would be behind her little mule Matilda working up and down the rows with the cultivator. When not at the farmers market or in the garden; she would occasionally join the others for the gossip and discussions of the coming school year. As she had a permanent tan, laying in the sun wasn't one of her favorite things to do. She didn't want her skin to look like her white female cousins, so she covered up and used sun screen regularly. Sometimes she would wear the same style swim suit as the other girls and the boys certainly noticed. They use to make a little fun of her with her books on plants and dirt on her shoes, but that stopped when she grew in to that frame of hers. Young men certainly didn't make fun now, because she was drop - dead gorgeous and a little dirt on her shoes and jeans added to the mystique.

A topic in the news in Nashville was the controversy over Vanderbilt university changing the name of one resident hall from "Confederate Memorial Hall " to "Memorial Hall". Pamela and Susan could not believe that in 2002 anyone would object to the name change. The name Confederate and that rebel flag were racist and hateful symbols of an era best forgotten. Mary Grace listened then finally spoke. "Ladies my second great Granddaddy Wilson was a Confederate soldier. He was a Lieutenant and his brother a Captain in one of Nathan Bedford Forrest's cavalry regiments. My second great Uncle Cyrus Wilson was a black man and fought right beside the Wilson brothers when the fighting was the hottest and was doctoring mules and horses the rest of the time. My second great Grandmamma Mary Grace Wilson a Black girl would take food and letters to her family when General Forrest was in the area and gather information on what she had seen in order to help the cavalry understand what was around them. My second great Granddaddy Hardison was a private in the 17th TN infantry so My Brother, my Daddy and my Granddaddy are members of the Sons of

A Tennessee family continued .....

.....A Tennessee Family continued

Confederate Veterans. I and my Mamma, Grandmamma and great Grandmamma are in the United Daughters of the Confederacy who donated money to build that residence hall. The Daughters donated that money with the stipulation that the name would never be changed and we intend it to remain "Confederate Memorial Hall" .

Mary Grace paused and let her thoughts go back to the stories of her family while Pamela and Susan sat with their mouths agape.

Note: In late July of 2005 Vanderbilt agreed not to change the name on "Confederate Memorial Hall" to avoid paying damages to The UDC, while maintaining it had won because it uses only "Memorial Hall" In all correspondence and printed material.

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## **2012 IRS Annual Electronic Notice Filing Requirement- must be filed every year**

SCV camps with gross receipts less than \$50,000 a year are **not** required to file an IRS Form 990 tax return; ***HOWEVER***, beginning August 1, 2012, the day after the previous fiscal year ends, all camps are required to submit an annual electronic notice by **December 15, 2012** . Your cooperation is requested as it is imperative that every camp complete this simple task. Shown below are some simple instructions to assist you in completing the IRS E Notice requirement:

1. Obtain your camp's tax ID number and copy it into your computer memory or have it written down and readily available. GHQ can provide this number to the camp if needed.
2. Go to this site and follow the instructions: <http://epostcard.form990.org/>

**Important Notice:** You must register first, and then **be patient** and wait for the IRS to immediately send you a return email with a link for you to log back on line to actually complete the E postcard. If you use zip plus four put a dash in between the first five and last four digits.

# Brooks Cemetery Dedication

Submitted by Bill Hicks

Reuben Brooks Jr. was born on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 1813 in Carter County, Tennessee. His parents were Reuben Brooks Sr., born on September 29, 1781 in Caswell County, North Carolina and married Mary Smithpeter (March 8, 1790-June 18, 1877). Reuben Sr. died on June 11, 1858.

On November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1834, Reuben Jr. married Elizabeth Catherine Carriger, a daughter of Godfrey Carriger Jr. and Elizabeth Lovelace Carriger. Born of this marriage were: Leticia T. (b 1835); Louise Jane V. (b 7 Dec 1835 in Carter County, TN... d 2 Jun 1882); **James B.** (b 10 Jul 1837 in Hawkins County, TN...d 29 Oct 1870; Permelia C. (b 26 Dec 1837...d 2 Nov 1884. She married James Cobb Renfro on 26 Dec 1876; Mary M. (b 15 Mar 1840 in Carter County, TB); **William P.** (b 25 Jun 1841 in Carter County, TN...d 1 Jul 1863); Jackson C. ; Elizabeth Catherine (b 19 Oct 1844 in Carter County, TN...d 5 Aug 1900; Margaret R. "Maggie" (b 23 Apr 1846...d 22 Apr 1885 in Carter County, TN); Nancy Ann (b 28 Nov 1847 in Elizabethton, Carter County, TN...d 1 Jan 1894 in Carter County, TN, marriage to **Samuel H. Davis**, born in 1845 in Christiansburg, VA and Sara Evaline (b 5 Jul 1851). He died in 1898 in Carter County, TN

The Brooks family lived in a section of Carter County known as Stony Creek [ Winner]. The creek traversed its course, running through or near the sections called Winner, Carter, Sadie and Buladeen. The creek ended its journey at the Hunter Community, emptying into the Watauga River. Near Hunter lay the Siam area, further north lay the Neck., Horseshoe and Fish Springs—all near the Watauga River.

The countryside around and near Hunter and Siam (also commonly called the Watauga Valley) held the largest population of Confederate sympathizers in the county. It is also noted the importance of the Nave family of the area, in recruiting Company C of the 59<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry Regiment.. Notably, Isaac L. and Henry C. Nave were strong believers in the secession movement in East Tennessee and Carter County, and worked tirelessly to form the company. Also assisting were David N. and Jacob I.C. Nave.

J.I.C. Nave would also serve with Company B of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry (Smith's).

The company would be formed by December of 1861. The key to formation of Company C was the influence and money of Reuben Brooks, the Naves, and the influence of Robert C. Crow and Christian Crow, who would also become officers. Other names of men who supported the formation were George Oliver, Isaac Duncan, Samuel Duncan, Godfrey N. Carriger, William J. Stover, Landon C. "Lank" Ellis, John W. Jones, Hiram Patterson, Harvey Mast, Joel Mast, Isaac Bowers, William Perry, William B. Lyons, John T. Lyons, Jesse Peeks, William Glover, James Hays, Isaac Woods, Obediah Sams and Joseph Kuhn.

The sons of Brooks, James and William, would be named commanding and field officers of Company C, and would point to the origin and stability of the entire unit. The moneyed citizens of an area were generally the organizers and suppliers of the companies they formed, as well as officers, during the War Between the States. Recruiting in a region where the citizens were primarily Unionist in sentiment, made recruiting an almost impossible task. There would be much violence in the county during and after the war.

Sworn into service on December 21<sup>st</sup> was Isaac Duncan, private, age 20. Sworn the following day were Cornelius Brushingham, private, age not listed; Samuel J. Glover, private and later corporal, age not listed; Henry Keys, later elected fifer, age 35; Eldridge "Ed" Hicks, age not listed; Oscar Owens, private, age 25 and Andrew M. Taylor, private and later corporal, age not listed. The enlistments were for twelve months.

James Brooks was Captain of the Company (received his commission from the State to raise the company), and William was 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, who was believed to be the more active in recruiting of friends and neighbors into service. The majority of recruits for Company C would be sworn into service on December 23, 1861.

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The seventy-six men were:

Henry L Barton, private, age 25;  
Dillard "Dillon" Blevins, private, age 19;  
John Blevins, private, age 22;  
William G. Bowers, sergeant, age 28;  
George W. Boyd, private, age 18;  
James Carden (Cordin), private, age 22;  
Landon Carden, private, age 20;  
Eldridge Carrier, private, age 20;  
James Collins, private, age 35;  
Christian C. Crow, second lieutenant, age 38;  
Robert C. Crow, private, age 18;  
William Harrison Elliott, private, age 22;  
William Ensor, private, age 20;  
Mitchell Estep, private, age 24;  
Felix Flannagan (Phelix Flannigin), private, age 24;  
William Fletcher, private, age 20;  
Alexander Frazier, private, age 25;  
Jacob M. Hays, private and later captain, age 25;  
James Hays, private, age 25;  
John W. Jones, private and later corporal, age 26;  
William Henry Kidd, private and later lieutenant, age 18;  
Joseph Kuhn, private and later lieutenant, age 30;  
Frederick Lewis, private, age 18;  
William Looney, private, age 19;  
Jeremiah Lyon, private, age 25;  
John S. Lyon, private, age 30;  
John T. Lyon, private, age 26;  
Samuel B. Lyon, private, age 25;  
Joseph Lyon, private, age 25;  
Hyrarn Patterson "Harvey" Mast, sergeant, age 25;  
Nathaniel Mauk, private, age 18;  
William Mays, private, age 35;  
Joseph McKinney, private, age 18;  
David N. Nave, first lieutenant, age 35;  
James Nave, private, age 20;  
Thomas Neel, private, age 28;  
Timothy Nichols, private and later drummer, age 43;  
Elihu Nideffer, private, age 20;  
Isaac Nideffer, private, age 20;  
James Nideffer, private, age 18;  
James Nideffer, private, age 20;  
George W. Oliver, private, age 25;  
George Owen (Owens), private, age 27;  
Jeremiah B. Peeks, private, age 30;  
William Perry, private and later corporal, age 21;  
Marion Phaer (Fair), private, age 20;  
Alexander Richards, private, age 25;

Benjamin Richards, private, age 18;  
Alfred Roberts, private, age 18;  
Jackson Sams, private, age 23;  
Obediah Sams, private, age 35;  
Washington Sams, private, age 32;  
William Sams, private, age 18;  
Henry Smith, private, age 18;  
Lames L. Smith, sergeant, age 22;  
John H. Smith, private, age 20;  
William Smith, sergeant, age 24 or 29;  
Andrew Stout, private, age 35;  
Godfrey N. Stover, private age 24;  
Levi N. Stover, private, age 18;  
Alvin Talor (Taylor), private, age 18;  
Emanuel White, private, age 22;  
Franklin White, private, age 22;  
Abraham Wilson, corporal, age 26;  
Allen T. Wilson, private, age 18;  
and Isaac Woods, private, age 24.

Thus, the months of vigorous recruiting by the officers of the company had shown the sentiment of many of the citizens of Carter County, as the formation of recruits had grown to company strength. Much of the recruiting took place at the Brooks Mansion/Home on Stony Creek. The mustering in of the better part of the company was likely done at the Carter County Courthouse.

According to historian William D. Taylor, the Brooks' exhibited their loyalty to the Southern Cause in three ways: (1) They were officers or soldiers in Company C, 59<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry, or other regiments; (2) They were selected as staff officers with different commands serving in the Department of East Tennessee, C.S.A., or; (3) They participated in various organized or irregular activities in the county, usually in conjunction with Confederate authorities aimed at discouraging Unionist expression, recovering deserters or conscript evaders hiding out in the county, or arresting "scouters" or Unionists attempting to "go through the lines" into Kentucky to escape service in the Confederate army or even join the Union army.

The task of capturing conscript evaders was an extremely dangerous job and cost young Lt. William Brooks his life, while searching for "bushwhackers" near his Stony Creek home.

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### THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Reuben Brooks Mansion on Stony Creek [now the property of Dr. Daniel Schumaier], Elizabethton, TN, was a recruiting point for the formation of Company C 59<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry Regiment, C.S.A. Reuben Brooks Jr. and his two sons, Captain James Brooks and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. William P. Brooks, were charged with formation of the company. Young William Brooks was killed near the property while in the line of duty. Much history surrounds the Brooks home, and a cemetery dedication will be held in conjunction with the re-enactments held annually on the property. The company was the only known company of Confederate soldiers recruited in unionist Carter County.

The event was hosted by Vaughn's Brigade, Tennessee Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. Company F 59<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry presented the Honor Salute. The Tennessee Division Color Guard of the Sons of Confederate Veterans presented the Colours. Mrs. Myrtle Davis Saucer, of the Robert E. Lee Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, of Jacksonville, FL, and a great-great grand daughter of Reuben Brooks, Jr. had the cemetery completely refurbished and was a speaker at the event. Memorial stones furnished by the V.A. were obtained for Captain James Brooks and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. William P. Brooks.

The cemetery dedication and memorial unveiling took place at 5:00 P.M, Saturday, July 21, just prior to the [annual] Civil War re-enactment that takes place on the property . A re-enactment depicting the death of Lt. William Brooks was also featured. The Honorable H.K. Edgerton, the well-known Southern heritage activist, was in attendance; [www.southernheritage411.com](http://www.southernheritage411.com). Can\*Joe John provided period music; [www.canjoe.com](http://www.canjoe.com). Mrs. Katie Green Walker represented the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Chapter 754 of Johnson City, TN and Mrs. Clara Craft represented the Order of Confederate Rose Chapter 11, Wild Mountain Roses, of Elizabethton, TN. Commander Rick Morrell spoke for Vaughn's Brigade and was especially grateful for the work of Mrs. Saucer. Vaughn's Brigade presented Mrs. Saucer a Certificate of Appreciation for her devotion to her

ancestors and for her sponsoring the restoration of a cemetery in an historic setting. In keeping with the tradition of the U.D.C., she was also presented the First National flag in a presentation case.



Mrs. Myrtle Davis Saucer



Front of Memorial



Back of Memorial

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# Annual Myers-Zollicoffer Camp Picnic



The Myers-Zollicoffer 1990 camp's annual covered dish picnic was held on Saturday, August 18 at the "King's Mill" in the Union Hill community near Livingston, TN. The grist mill and its site were established in 1820 and has several log cabins a general store and a very nice water fall with plenty of grass and shade. The mill itself has been completely restored and is in working order. We had a very good attendance in excess of 60 Confederate loving people. The camp has this picnic the third Saturday in August and everyone is welcome.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Speck



# Abraham Lincoln: Tyrant?

*Bruce D. Skaug*

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*Requested by Bill Speck, Heritage Defense Chairman*

## BACKGROUND

I enjoy reading the state attorney publication in Idaho and, on rare occasion, comment about articles privately and publicly. The May issue of The Advocate had two items titled, “Former AG Rekindles Lincoln’s Light” and “Mediate, Arbitrate or Litigate: What would Lincoln Do?” In the words of my youngest daughter, who aspires to become a Constitutional law attorney, “Lincoln wasn’t such a great guy.”

I have no quarrel with the Advocate articles, but would like to shed shine a little more light on Abraham Lincoln. I am a history enthusiast, especially on the War Between the States. My interest started at age five when my father, a history teacher, told me the basic story of the 1861 war. At Halloween, I would dress as a Union soldier and through life have devoured numerous books on the subject. I have had the privilege to visit battlefields, attend lectures and collected paraphernalia from the time period.

Our family had six soldiers who served honorably in the war; two Federal and four Confederate. (One served in the same division as attorney Eric Rossman’s ancestor. 84<sup>th</sup> Ill. Inf.) Only two of my six survived the war. One of the survivors migrated to Nampa, Idaho and is buried not far from my office. The Union family daughter married a Confederate surviving ancestor. I am a distant product of this marriage.

My Confederate ancestors of Tennessee voted with their state to stay in the Union when seven states were peaceably seceding. They were content on their successful farm to be a part of the United States of America. However, when the new president, Abraham Lincoln, put out an executive order, without the consent of Congress, to raise a 75,000 soldier army to invade the seven states which had left the Union, my ancestors and the state of Tennessee voted to join their Southern neighbors and defend against invasion. At that point, they saw Lincoln, as a tyrant, only interested in collecting large tariffs for the U.S. Treasury collected from Southern ports.

Today, it would be akin to Texas deciding to secede from the United States peaceably. Then, President Obama raising new army divisions to invade the state, without congressional support, so he could get the oil revenue.

## THE TYRANT?

As a young man, like most of us in Idaho, I liked the positive Carl Sandburg view of Abraham Lincoln and never questioned it. But I knew my family roots and wondered how some of them could have opposed Abraham Lincoln, taking up arms and referring to him as a tyrant. My Tennessee family was not made up of racists, radicals or warmongers. They were educated, leaders in their church and community. Why did they call Lincoln a tyrant? “Tyrant” is what the founding fathers of our nation called King George III. A tyrant is an “absolute ruler who exercises power cruelly and unjustly.” Was Lincoln all that?

## FACTS

Abraham Lincoln:

- Illegally suspended the writ of habeas corpus
- Put out an arrest warrant for the 84 year old Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court when he did not like the Court’s opinion.
- Launched a military invasion without the consent of Congress

- Imprisoned thousands of political opponents from Northern states (Fort Lafayette – *Think Guantanamo*)
- Forcibly closed down over 275 Northern newspapers and arrested 3,000 Northern journalists, editors and publishers
- Put in a program to censor telegraph communications
- Had most of the Maryland legislature imprisoned without due process along with a congressman and the mayor and police commissioners of Baltimore
- Arranged for the secession of western Virginia from Virginia through unlawful means
- Imprisoned and deported a U.S. Congressman (Vallandigham of Ohio) for responding negatively to his State of the Union speech, primarily regarding taxation issues. The Congressman was arrested at his home by 67 soldiers
- Forcibly took arms from citizens in Northern states, en masse
- Ordered martial law in cities across the Northern border states
- Lincoln’s military bombarded citizens in Southern cities, executed civilians without trial, burned and pillaged courthouses, businesses, farms and homes

Lincoln took these types of actions in the North throughout the war, even when victory was apparent. Free speech, freedom of the press and the right to jury trial were suspended in the North during the war. The U.S. Constitution was de facto null and void.

## THOUGHTS

Lincoln apologists do not deny the occurrences listed above. Their defense arguments of the 16<sup>th</sup> president are summed up in “He saved the Constitution and Union by destroying them during his presidency.” Ah, the end justifies the means argument.

Why write about this issue 150 years later? I was prompted by the Advocate articles to share the less popular side of the Lincoln story. When Republican and Democrat presidents or Congress blatantly ignore Constitutional limitations on government power, they often cite Abraham Lincoln as their example. The end justifies the means. Attorneys should be the first to acknowledge past or present trespasses by government of our beloved Constitution.

It is not popular to oppose a popular president, past or present. I am not a history revisionist, neo-Confederate or neo-Conservative. The popular Lincoln legacy is worthy of our praise, but when it comes to the abuse of our Constitutional government, I agree with my middle school daughter, who told her class, “Lincoln wasn’t such a great guy.”

References are available upon request for the above. Comments welcome by email to [bruce@legaleaglesnw.com](mailto:bruce@legaleaglesnw.com)

## **THE ECHO IS LEAVING THE BUILDING**

On September 30th, the ECHO will no longer be used and will be shut-down. The new way of communicating will be the bulletin board off the Tennessee Division Website. Use the website <http://www.tennessee-scv.org/> and click on the Member Area. You will need to register before you can use.



## Jeffrey Forrest Brigade

Commander: Billy Foster

Camps: Otho French Strahl #176, John B. Ingram Bivouac #219, Col. Jeffrey Forrest #323, Pvt. Ike Stone #564, Hill/Freeman #1472, Crockett Rangers #1774, Bell's Partisans #1821, Capt Akil/Newman #2099, Obion Avalanche #2111

O.F. Strahl/ Bell's Partisans Camps installed a VA marker for an unmarked Confederate Soldier in the Holloman Cemetery near Mason Hall, TN. A dedication service was conducted on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> with twenty seven friends and descendants attending. Also recognized six other Confederate soldiers buried there. Three generations of the Hurt family were represented in honor of their Confederate ancestors. (article follows)

The O.F. Strahl Camp is in the process of cleaning off an abandoned cemetery, Chambers-Holman Cemetery, where four Confederate Veterans are buried. Another two work days and this project should be completed.

Compatriot John Abernathy of the O.F. Stahl Camp has begun a project of identifying the graves of Confederate Soldiers in Obion and neighboring counties. To date, he has located the burial sites of over 800 veterans complete with GPS readings. These will be cataloged by cemetery on our [sevcamp176.org](http://sevcamp176.org) web site when completed, hopefully by spring. About a dozen Obion County Cemeteries were flagged for Confederate Memorial Day, thus honoring over four hundred Confederate veterans.

The newest addition to our "PARKS CEMETERY RIDGE MEMORIAL PLAZA" is a full size Confederate Soldier monument was dedicated on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Lt. Commander, Kelly Barrow, addressed the group. A crowd of one hundred fifty or more gathered together for the dedication and observing the newly landscaped plaza and the thirteen newly erected Confederate state flags.

The Bell's Partisans, Camp 1821 flagged several Confederate veterans graves in Dyer County for Confederate Memorial Day.

The Obion Avalanche, Camp 2111 flagged several cemeteries near them in honor of Confederate Memorial Day.

The Hill Freeman, Camp 1472 conducted a Confederate Memorial Service on the Court House lawn on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The John B. Ingram Bivouac # 219 is in the process of re-organization. Compatriot Robert Wyatt is taking the lead in this process.

We would like to invite any compatriot who hasn't visited the "PARKS CEMETERY RIDGE CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL PLAZA" to do so. This is a National, Division, Brigade and Camp project. The installation of new sidewalks was recently completed. We continue to get daily visitors from people both near and far away. Nothing but positive comments are being noted in our visitor registration book even from our Yankee visitors. This has proven to be an excellent recruiting tool as it has attracted a lot of interest in the SCV.

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## Holloman Dedication



On a warm, sunny afternoon under the shade of an old chestnut tree, a group of twenty seven friends and descendants of Confederate Veterans buried in the Holloman Cemetery gathered to remember the sacrifices made by their ancestors in defending their homes, families and peaceful life against an invading army. Three generations of the HURT family were present and it is our hope the younger generations will continue this practice for future generations. If so, these old soldiers will never die as long as they are remembered in the hearts and minds of these descendants. A Gravestone Dedication Ceremony and Memorial Service was conducted by the Gen. Otho French Strahl, SCV Camp 176, Saturday, May 26th @ 2:pm in the Holloman Cemetery near

Mason Hall for Charles Henry Watts, Co I, 22nd Barteau's Cav. who had previously been lying in an unmarked grave for ninety seven years. Also honored were other veterans by placing flags on the graves of the five other Confederate Soldiers buried there. John A. Hurt, Co H, 47th Tn. Inf. , J.C. Holloman, Co A, 26th TN Inf., Wm. S. Floyd, Co C, 4th TN Inf., Calvin Nichols, Co B , 17th. TN Inf. and Captain. William Holloman, Co A, 26th TN Inf.

Former SCV Camp 176 Commander, Bill Threlkeld, gave an interesting presentation about the different time in Obion County during the War for Southern Independence. Commander Danny Isbell welcomed the group and let the pledge to the American Flag and salute to the Confederate Flag. Compatriot Bob Nichols had the opening prayer. Lt. Commander John Abernathy gave a brief history of the soldiers and their units to the group. The program closed with Compatriot Will Thralls playing Taps.



Billy J. Foster/SCV Life Member  
Col. Jeffrey Forrest Brigade Commander



## **Fort Donelson Brigade Report**

Commander: Robert Moore

Camps: Isham G. Harris #109, Frank P. Gracey #225, Fort Donelson #249, Capt. W. H. McCauley #260, John Hunt Morgan #270, Col. Jack Moore #559, Col. Cyrus Suggs #1792

Robert Moore is the newly elected Brigade Commander for the Fort Donelson Brigade. Many thanks to Steve Settle for his many years of tireless work. His dedication has made the camps within the Fort Donelson Brigade and the Tennessee Division SCV better. This years reunion in Dover was a great reunion.

Brigade Commander Moore has hit the ground running and is visiting camps. Robert is the past Camp Commander for the W. H. McCauley Camp #260 in Dickson.

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## **Mountain Brigade**

Commander: Terry Siler

Camps: N. B. Forrest #3, Longstreet/Zollicoffer #87, Gen. John C. Vaught #2089

I was elected as Mountain Brigade Commander at the 2012 Tennessee Division Reunion. I am indebted to my predecessor Earl Smith who left the brigade in fine shape and left me a good role model to follow. I appreciate the members of the Mountain Brigade having confidence in me to be their Commander. The Mountain Brigade was well represented at the recent National Reunion in Murfreesboro.

I have visited each Camp in the Brigade since taking office. I have received a warm welcome and am pleased with the each Camp's leadership. I saw enthusiasm in each Camp and each Camp has an effective recruiting program. I have no doubt the Mountain Brigade will do their part in accomplishing future recruiting goals. I was impressed with a recruiting program Commander Mike Beck gave in Knoxville recently to the local Camp. Every Camp in the Tennessee Division should be using these ideas. The Knoxville Camp recently installed new Camp officers and I'm impressed with their youth and enthusiasm. As one of the larger Camps in the Confederation they are to be admired.

The Athens/Etowah Camp has reorganized their Camp's leadership and Camp bylaws recently. They are small in numbers but large in enthusiasm and community involvement. They sponsored a local enactment this past summer and a grave marking that gained community support and publicity.

The Chattanooga Camp continues to grow and have outstanding Camp meeting programs. They video these programs and share them with other Camps to use at their meetings. These programs are available on their web site and are viewed worldwide. The camp maintains the historic Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery. An Eagle Scout candidate recently completed his service project by cleaning the headstones and repainting several metal markers. The Chattanooga Camp is planning an outstanding 2013 Tennessee Division Reunion. You won't want to miss this one!

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Siler, Commander  
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**Don't forget the camp tax situation as stated on pages 4 and 5. The electronic version must be done by December 15, 2012.**

## Starnes Brigade Report

Commander: Joey Nolan

Camps: Maj. Gen. B. F. Cheatham #72, Dr. J. B. Cowan #155, Marshall Rangers #297, Cumberland Mtn. Rifles #386, Gen. A. P. Stewart #1411, Gen. Benjamin J. Hill #1615, Sumner A. Cunningham #1620, Capt Abner S. Boone #2094



On Saturday May 5, 2012, the Cumberland Mtn. Rifles, Camp 386 in Tracy City, TN held their 9th Annual Confederate Heritage Festival. Although the morning started out

gloomy with thunder and rain, it turned into a great day for the camp seeing one of their past members signing back up as an SCV member. Included in the days events were: living history camp sites, 1800's era artifact displays, infantry reenactors, special guest speakers Tommy Kell and Ms. Barbara Marthal, concessions, and classic car cruise-in. That last official part of the event was the dedication of the Camp 386 monument honoring the "Fighting Men Of The Cumberland." Three of the youngest members of Camp 386 served as color guard, along with two infantrymen firing a salute.

Included is a picture of a large number of the members and cadets of Camp 386. The monument is located at the Cumberland Mtn. Rifles, Camp 386 headquarters at 51 Depot St. - Tracy City, TN 37387, which also has a museum with local history exhibits, United States local servicemen pictorial exhibit, and Civil War artifact exhibits. For camp or museum information contact: [cumberlandmtnrifles@gmail.com](mailto:cumberlandmtnrifles@gmail.com). Commander Terry Manley invites everyone to visit the monthly meetings of Camp 386 each 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

On May 26, 2012, dedicated volunteers from the John R. Massey, Camp 152, Sons of Confederate Veterans in Fayetteville, TN and members of the



Daughters of the American Revolution reported to the overgrown and abandoned cemetery off the Shelbyville Highway. This cemetery contains the grave of Robert Kennedy, a Revolutionary War

soldier and his family, plus the Warden family. This place is totally overgrown, the markers were buried under tree roots that had to be cut away with a chain saw. There are also 3 Confederate soldiers buried here. They were able to get the Kennedy family markers out and their plot cleaned up, with the temp. hovering at 95 degrees, this was not an easy task. The DAR is going to order and place a new Veterans marker for Robert Kennedy. We will return in the Fall to place the marker and to clean up the Warden family plot containing the 3 CSA soldiers, when the weather is much cooler. Thanks to Kris Armitage, Otelia Thompsom, Dora Whisenant, Betty Richardson, Felix Bivers, senior and junior, James Shelton, Matt Armitage and Commander Jim Armitage. This is just one of the community projects John R. Massey, Camp 152 is proud to be involved in.

On Saturday, July 7, 2012 at 9:30 A.M. at the Tullahoma Confederate Cemetery, United Daughters of the Confederacy from State of Arkansas



were in Tullahoma to dedicate a monument to their fallen Confederate Soldiers of the War Between The States. Arkansas, by its placement of the monument will join Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, North Carolina and Georgia with recent placements of monuments in Tullahoma Confederate Cemetery. The monuments are all matching by Winchester Monument Company. Joyce Wilkinson and Kirby-Smith Chapter 327 UDC have coordinated all the event with the states in placements of their monuments in Tullahoma Confederate Cemetery. Camp 155 Tullahoma and Camp 72 Manchester will aide the UDC in this event.

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The members of Camp 1620 in Shelbyville have been working diligently in overseeing the care of the Confederate dead buried in Willow Mount Cemetery in Shelbyville. They are preparing for the popular nighttime guided cemetery tour which takes place at Willow Mount. The response they receive is always positive in comments and recruits. Camp 1620 will also be taking part in upcoming events taking place in Shelbyville by setting up a recruitment booth at these events.

April 14, 2012 at 9:00 am at the events center in Tullahoma, Camp 155 hosted a Seminar on the Civil War in Middle Tennessee. Speakers Steve Pearson did an excellent job covering the Tullahoma Campaign of 1863, and likewise so did Dr. Bradley on the Occupation and Guerrilla Resistance. They also had some relics on displays and books for purchase. This was an informative event which provided some never before heard information on the Civil War in Middle Tennessee.

Wincheser, Camp 1411: On June 3, 2012, in honor of Confederate Memorial Day and Confederate President Jefferson Davis birthday, a ceremony was held at the Templeton Confederate Memorial Cemetery in Winchester with the special speaker being the honorable Jeff Stewart.

Respectfully submitted  
Joey Nolan  
Starnes Brigade Commander

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## Sam Watkins Brigade Report

Commander: Brian "Doc" Edwards

Camps: Sam Watkins #29, Gen John C. Brown #112, Freeman's Battery Forrest Artillery #1939,  
Roderick-Forrest War Horse #2072, Rawdon/Spears #2113, Lee's Long Riders #2184



Men of the Sam Watkins Brigade. For those who do not know me, my name is Brian "Doc" Edwards. I am the new Commander of the Brigade. I live in Perry County with my wife Ginger and my young son Jackson (yes, named for the General). I am Commander of Lee's Long Riders, camp #2184 and Lt. for the 2nd platoon Tennessee Mechanized Cavalry. Along with "family time" and "riding the hog", I enjoy speaking at living history events and re-enacting with Artillery. I hope to meet those of you I don't know soon, and will be contacting camp commanders. If you need something in the meantime, feel free to contact me.

All for Dixie, ~Doc~

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## Memphis Brigade Report

Commander: Mark Buchanan

Camps: N.B. Forrest #215, Simonton/Wilcox #257, Capt John W. Mebane #319, James R Chalmers # 1312, Wigfall Greys #1560, Gen Robert E. Lee #1640

Fred Lincoln, Past Brigade Commander and Past Commander of the Forrest Camp, is a fine gentleman and a true southern compatriot. I hope to, at the very least, meet his achievements as the new Commander. Fred and I have made several reenactments together and have torn cartridge side by side. I consider him a friend and mentor. If there ever was a man who epitomizes the ideals of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Fred Lincoln is certainly that man!

What an honor it is to represent the Memphis Brigade of the Sons of Confederate Veterans! All a man has to do is stand back, get out their way and report their exploits!

The Robert E. Lee Camp, of Germantown, TN., Commanded by Tarry Beasley, long standing member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, is forwarding the Charge! The new Memphis Brigade color guard, founded by Sergeant Mike Daugherty of the Robert E. Lee Camp 1640, is attending multiple events with great reception. In the guard's short history of a few weeks, poignant ceremonies have been held at Shiloh Military Park, Magnolia Cemetery, Collierville, TN, Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, TN, Confederate Park in Memphis, and the dedication of the Jefferson Davis Highway Monument in Millington, TN, held by the local United Daughters of the Confederacy. Since the guard's inception, Sergeant Daugherty has been flooded with requests for the Color Guards' attendance. The colors are well represented and well received by all. Local traffic has halted to photograph the Color Guard in the performance of its duties. Well-done Sergeant Daugherty and the Brigade Color Guard!



The General Chalmers camp of Southaven, Mississippi, under the leadership of Commander Sam Escue is doing yeoman's duties with their annual Civil War Event and scholarship program. A visit to any of their meetings will awaken any southerner to the challenges we face correcting the historical inaccuracies of the War of Northern Aggression. They are staunch supporters of the Charge and are true southerners to the man. The ever-vigilant Wigfall Greys of Collierville, TN, with support from the other Memphis Camps are donating to the new Collierville museum. They raised funds enough to obtain a matching grant from the city of Collierville to found the museum. The museum is allowing the Sons of Confederate Veterans to influence the content of the exhibit concerning the War Between the States. Their entire camp is to be commended for their ability to rally southerners and the general public behind their noble cause! The truth shall be told thanks to these true gray southern compatriots!

The General Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp spearheaded the installation of period artillery pieces at Confederate Park in Memphis, Tennessee. On June 6th, the 150th anniversary of the largest inland naval battle on the North American Continent, the Forrest Camp, in conjunction with attendees from ALL the Memphis Brigade camps, held an exciting reenactment to commemorate the huge naval battle at Memphis. The Forrest Camp can always be relied upon to set history straight and get the word out. The Memphis brigade owes a debt of gratitude to Commander Alan Doyle and Captain Lee Millar and the entire camp for their efforts! A Rebel yell goes out to the 51st Tennessee Infantry, Bankhead's Battery, and Morton's Battery for a job well done!

Rest assured, that the Memphis Brigade is alive, well and adhering to the Charge set forth by Gen. S.D. Lee!

Yours in Confederate Pride,  
Memphis Brigade Commander  
Mark Buchanan  
DEO VINDICE!

## Highland Brigade Report

Commander: Michael Williams

Camps: Gen. George Gibbs Dribell #875, Savage/Goodner #1513, Gainesboro Invincibles #1685, Myers/Zollicoffer #1990, Sgt. William A Hamby #1750, Dillard/Judd #1828, Champ Ferguson/Standing Stone #2014, Jim David Camp #1425

Gentlemen of The Division,

I hope this finds y'all well and in good health. The Highland Brigade is doing fine. Commander Beck has appointed myself as Highland Brigade Commander. A thank you to Mike Davis of camp # 1685 for his service as Brigade Commander the last 2 years.

The Savage/Goodner camp #1513 has been working on repairing their monument in Alexandria. Also, the last 3 years they've been trying to get a monument up honoring Colonel Savage in Murfreesboro, but at every turn there has been hurdles.

The Champ Ferguson/Standing Stone camp #2014 has been working on their Confederate Monument next to the base of the I-40 flag pole. When completed there will be a dedication ceremony. Date and time to be announced in the next Forrest Escort. They got their new 25' X 20' First National special made and flying over I-40. Their members cut & weed eat grass at a local cemetery to maintain the new pole, flags, and build the Monument.

Gainesboro Invincible camp # 1685 have been doing living history at Granville's Heritage Days Festival and at Gainesboro's Poke Sallet Festival and a skirmish there. Not mentioned in the last "Escort", last fall they held a memorial service for some Confederate Veterans buried in Gainesboro next to the Gaines House.

The Jim Davis camp #1425 has been maintaining and flying the First National flag on the Macon County court house square (24/7) for years. They are also applying and setting Confederate markers at all the Confederate Veterans graves as they find them. This August they plan on having a recruiting booth at the Macon County Fair.

Gen. George G. Dibrell camp #875 held a grand Memorial in Doyle, TN for 19 Confederate Veterans on Memorial Day. Many of the TN Division, Highland Brigade, local UDC, OCR, 9 riflemen, 2 artillery, family and community members were present.

Myers/Zollicoffer camp #1990 have been setting new Confederate markers from VA, doing living history programs at local schools, gave out their 3rd "Hunley Award" to a York Institute ROTC student, and conducted a few cemetery memorials with the UDC. One, at Falling Springs, Overton County was a grand affair; honoring 10 Confederate Veterans laid to rest there. There were speakers, history of the 10 men, SCV, reenactors, UDC, family, & community members present. They also set out 400 battle flags on Confederate Veteran's graves for Confederate Memorial Day recently.

Sgt William A. Hamby camp #1750 went to the Battle of Fishing Creek, KY and Battle of Sacramento, KY as reenactors. They went to a "School of The Soldier" and a "winter encampment" to experience life during the war. They have installed new markers on Confederate graves and conducted a living history at Cumberland State Park. This spring, one of their long time members had a tornado come through his place. It destroyed his house, two barns and the tobacco bed. I went and helped a couple days. I got on the "Echo" and asked the TN Division to pray for Lloyd Hayes. I had no idea just asking for prayer would be so powerful. All across the TN Division/ Highland Brigade donations started coming into the Hamby camp Adjutant to help Lloyd. Lloyd and the camp wants to thank everyone in the TN Division for being so generous. It has helped him a lot.

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Dillard-Judd camp #1828 have been planning their next grave yards to start cleaning up this summer. We had the Forrest picnic on 21 July at my camp ground. We sponsored the Highland Brigade spring rifle shoot at Bend of The River Shooting Range. And like other members of the Highland Brigade we went to Lebanon for the Gen Hatton/Confederate Monument re-dedication ceremony. We also support the other camps in the brigade when needed.

May God bless everyone in the TN Division  
Deo Vindice  
Mike Williams

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## **Vaughn's Brigade Report**

Commander: Rick Morrell

Camps: James Keeling #52, Col. John S. Mosby #1409, Col. W. M. Bradford/ Col. J. G. Rose #1638,  
Lt Robert D. Powell #1817, Gen. John Hunt Morgan #2053, Gen Alfred E. Jackson #2159

Rick Morrell was re-elected as Vaughn's Brigade Commander at the 2012 TN Division reunion in Dover. Rick has been real active with the cemetery events happening in Elizabethton and the Lt. Robert D. Powell Camp #1817.

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## **McLemore's Brigade Report**

Commander: Brian Corley

Camps: General Joseph E. Johnston Camp # 28, Murfreesboro Camp # 33, General William B. Bate Camp # 34, General Robert H. Hatton Camp # 723, Todd Carter Camp # 854, Sam Davis Camp # 1293, Colonel Randal McGavock Camp # 1713, Captain E. D. Baxter #2034, Major Nathaniel F. Cheairs #2138, General T. B. Smith Camp # 2177McLemore's Brigade report.

Fellow Compatriots of the McLemore's Brigade and members of the Tennessee Division, I am Brian Corley your new McLemore's Brigade Commander. It is a great honor to have been elected to this office and I hope to get to meet each of you at an upcoming SCV event. I am a Life member of the SCV and currently Commander of Murfreesboro SCV Camp # 33. My son Max is a Cadet member; he attends most functions with me. For the past five years I have been on the 2012 SCV National Reunion Committee which was held in Murfreesboro. I am also in White's Artillery Battery and an avid relic hunter. As you can see, I spend most of my time doing war related projects. I will work with all of the Camps in the Brigade and the DEC to help make our Brigade one of the best in the state.

If you have any questions, please call me at 615-653-1448  
or email me at: southern-earth-mover@comcast.net

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*To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit THE VINDICATION OF THE CAUSE FOR WHICH WE FOUGHT; to your strength will be given the DEFENSE OF THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIER'S GOOD NAME, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, THE PERPETUATION OF THE PRINCIPLES HE LOVED and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that THE TRUE HISTORY OF THE SOUTH IS PRESENTED TO FUTURE GENERATIONS*

*Stephen D. Lee 1906*



# *Deo Vindice*

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